Internet facility on trains

2184. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have provided internet facility in trains;

(b) if so, names of the trains starting from Bangalore with internet facility on them;

(c) whether more number of passengers are utilising this facility;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some tests were conducted regarding providing internet in some of the trains in the North-East Railway Zone; and

(e) if so,the results of the tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. However, Rail Tel has successfully conducted technical trials for providing broad band Internet connectivity on running train during April, 2003 between Tughlakabad & Faridabad stations and is planning to provide Internet service on one of the Trains, during 2003-04.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Double standard in disbursal of compensation

2185. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have adopted double standard in disbursal of rescue and relief measure;

(b) the number of cases of compensation of Khanna, 1988 tragedy which are still to be settled and number of cases of Rajdhani Express tragedy, September 9,2002, still to be settled; and

(c) the action proposed to direct payment of compensation within three months to the next of kin of all victims?